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ALUMINUM NITRIDE FILM

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JP-04-058563, U.S. 4,849,259, and U.S. 5,051,380 were cited in the counterpart Chinese patent application on February 14, 2003. U.S. 5,077,233 was also cited in the family Application Serial No. 09/432,106.

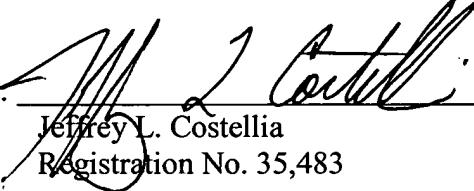
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It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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